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For: **NON-ENDOGENOUS, CONSTITUTIVELY ACTIVATED HUMAN G PROTEIN-COUPLED RECEPTORS**

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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002, in connection with the above referenced application. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered, without prejudice.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-100 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 101-132 as shown below:

B' --101. (New) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a non-endogenous, constitutively activated version of a human G protein-coupled receptor, wherein said polynucleotide is selected